



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Dear Slinger Residents, The Village board and staff have been very busy this past year. One of our major accomplishments is the successful closure of our Tax Incremental District 3. The closure of this district now has allowed us to create a new TID 4, which encompasses over 144 acres in the hwys 41/60 area, much of which is owned by the Slinger School District. They plan to sell the land for future commercial development and the Village is now in the position to help with new commercial growth in that area. One of the projects already underway is the Dittmar Apartments being built on Cedar Bluffs Way. This project is expected to bring another \$8.5 million of value to the Village. The closure of the previous TID will also bring tax relief for the 2017 tax year and at the same time will help increase the revenues to the Village's General Fund.

We have also had some changes in staff this year with Vanessa Taylir starting as our new Head of the Library, who replaced Jennifer Einwalter, who took the position of head librarian at Hartford. We welcome her and the other new employees that are featured in some of the articles of this newsletter.

I also would like to thank the members of the Village Board, Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Board, Library Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Redevelopment Authority and the Slinger Housing Authority for all the time they have spent on making the Village a great place to live and work. If you would like to get involved on one of these committees, please feel free to contact me or Village Staff.

Russell E. Brandt

Russell E. Brandt, Village President

SCENIC & CENTRAL RECONSTRUCTION

The Village reconstructed Scenic Avenue, Scenic Court and Central Avenue as part of its 2015 road maintenance program. The project included replacing old water mains along Scenic and Central Avenues with new, PVC water mains, replacing the storm sewer that was heaving the Scenic Avenue pavement, and replacing the roadway gravel and asphalt pavement. The project also included repaving the intersections of Scenic Avenue and E. Washington Street and Central Avenue and E. Washington Street. The work was performed by Heartland Construction, a local contracting company.



CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

The Slinger Police Department held its first Citizen's Police Academy in September of 2015. The academy goes for six weeks with about 18 hours of class and hands-on instruction. The goal of the academy is to allow participants to get an inside look and understanding of the daily functions of the Slinger Police Department. The 10 participants graduated on October 8th. Planning for the next class is already underway for the fall of 2016. If interested, watch the Slinger Police Department and Village of Slinger websites for information.



2015 Citizen's Academy Members

WINTER PARKING

Beginning November 1st, no parking is allowed between the hours of 3:00am and 6:00am on any Village streets. Winter parking rules are in effect through April 15th.

State statutes require vehicle operators to maintain a distance of at least 200 hundred feet back when following a snow plow on roads with a posted speed limit of more than 35 mph. On roads with a posted speed limit of 35 mph per hour or less, vehicles must maintain a following distance of at least 75ft.

ROTARY ICE RINK MOVING TO LIBRARY:

This winter we will be moving our Rotary Ice Rink from Community Park to the Slinger Community Library parking lot. We are excited about the new location and believe it will offer residents a better skating area and surface. Our rink was very popular last winter and we are looking forward to seeing skaters enjoy this new location. **Get your skates laced up and head out to our Rotary Rink this winter.**



New Resident Packets If you are new to the Village of Slinger, you can pick up a new resident packet at the Village Hall. The packet contains a map, garbage and recycling information, park & rec activity guide, library info., voter registration application, Village committee info. and much more.

Utility Payments Made Easy For your convenience, Slinger Utilities offers an automatic payment program for your Slinger Utilities bill. The program deducts your monthly payment from the savings or checking account you indicate on the 5th of each month. You will still receive a monthly bill to show you the amount being deducted for your records. The bill will also show that an automatic payment is scheduled.

Slinger Utilities payments are always due on the 10th of each month. If the 10th should fall on a weekend or holiday, your payment must be in the office no later than 8am on the next business day. A secure payment drop box is available 24 hours a day just inside the entry to Village Hall. If you choose to mail your payment, be sure to take mail time into account when submitting your payment.

Dog and Cat Licenses This is just a reminder to those who have dogs and cats in the Village, a license is required. Every dog and cat five (5) months of age or older must be licensed: spayed/neutered pet licenses cost \$7.00; otherwise the fee is \$12.00. Applications are available online or can be picked up at Village Hall. Proof of rabies vaccination is required at the time of licensing for your cat or dog. The licenses expire December 31st and must be renewed annually. If you do not obtain a license for your dog or cat on or before April 1st, a \$5.00 late fee will be assessed. Just a note: you do not need a separate check if obtaining your dog and cat license when paying your taxes.



Thank You Trustee Dukelow

John Dukelow has served the Village of Slinger as a Village Trustee for more than 20 years, from 1988 – 1997 and 2002 – present. During that time Trustee Dukelow has provided leadership, thoughtful perspective and fair representation to the citizens of Slinger. John has chosen not to seek reelection and will conclude his tenure as a Village Trustee in April 2016. Please join Village Staff in thanking Trustee Dukelow for his many years of service to the Village of Slinger.



TAX INCREMENT FINANCE BIG NEWS FOR SLINGER DEVELOPMENT!

Tax increment finance (TIF) is one of a community's most important tools for encouraging and supporting economic development. 2015 brought a lot of exciting news regarding economic development in the Village.

In July, the Village was able to close TIF District #3, an area that was established in 1993 and grew to include over 26% of the Village's equalized value. This successful district accomplished a long list of projects including the improvements made to the Glen Hill/Tennies stormwater pond, the Corporate and Enterprise business park, and much of the development on the eastern side of I-41.

Once it was confirmed that TIF District #3 was ready to close, the Village started looking for other development opportunities. TIF District #4 was created in August and has great development potential. This area includes property along American Eagle Drive, Cedar Bluffs Way and south of STH 60 on both sides of I-41. These parcels are prime candidates for development and having tax increment financing available should help attract projects that will enhance the Village's economy and quality of life.

Arbor Pointe Lift Station Control Building

The Village of Slinger completed a lift station control building project this year at its largest sewage lift station along American Eagle Drive. The project included installing a precast reinforced concrete building to enclose the sensitive lift station control equipment in a more environmentally controlled setting. The Arbor Pointe Lift Station is critical to the Village's wastewater collection system as it handles all of the sewage generated from Village properties located east of Interstate 41.



COMPOST

Village residents can bring compost material down to the DPW yard parking lot to dispose of leaves, grass clippings, and small twigs. The bin allows you to drive up and dispose of the compost at ground level and is large enough that it can hold a weekends worth of yard work. The wood chip bin is stocked if chips are available for residents to load up and use at their convenience.

Slinger wants to remind everyone that these bins are for Village residents only. The approved material for the compost bin is as follows: Grass clippings, leaves, twigs and branches less than 1" in diameter and less than 3 feet long. Absolutely no garbage allowed. Any violators will be fined per village ordinance.

GIVE TO A PARK... IT WILL GIVE BACK

If you're interested in helping enrich the quality of life in the Village of Slinger, the Friends of the Slinger Parks & Recreation might be for you! Contact Josh Trame at 262-644-5265 or jtrame@vi.slinger.wi.gov for more info.

Check out the village website for the Park & Recreation Wish list: www.vi.slinger.wi.gov

Slinger Parks, Recreation & Forestry Online Registration

We are beginning our third year of online program registration in our department. Registering for a recreation program is now easier than ever and there are NO TRANSACTION FEES. Just go to www.vi.slinger.wi.gov and click on the programs and registration tab. There you will see a link to our online program registration. Enjoy the ease and convenience of our new registration software.

Slinger Little League:

The Slinger Little League Program is making some changes this season. Once again our girls fast pitch program will include teams from Richfield and Jackson and in 2016 we will be adding Hartford girls fast pitch into our league.

We are also working to make changes in our boys' baseball leagues by joining up with Hartford, Richfield and Erin this season. We are looking forward to some exciting baseball and softball action this summer.

Registration will take place earlier this year. Please be on the lookout for little league registration in early January.



New Public Works Employee

A recent retirement created a vacancy in the Department of Public Works. Jonathon Flasch was hired November 30th as a DPW Operator. Jon brings several years of concrete, landscaping, and DPW experience to the Village.



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... READ!

The 2016 six-week summer reading program starts on Monday, June 13 and ends on Friday, July 22. Our theme is "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read". The library fair kickoff will be held on Monday, June 13! Come see us for games, cotton candy, nachos and snow cones! The Grand Finale to the summer reading program will be held on Monday, July 25, at 6:30 pm. Check the library's website for a complete schedule in early May.

The library is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm and Saturday, 9:00 am – Noon (Labor Day through Memorial Day).

The Friends of the Library are hosting Casino Night on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at the Library. Doors open at 5:30pm with play beginning at 6 pm. Tickets are limited to 150 and are available at the Library. All proceeds benefit the Library, programs and services.

Looking for E-books? With your Slinger Community Library card, you have access to over 17,000 titles as part of a statewide project called the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium @ <http://dbooks.wplc.info>. To gain access, you will need a library card, your pin number and an e-mail address (we ask for this so you can be notified when an e-book you have placed on hold becomes available). Instructions on how to checkout the items and then download to your home computer and/or portable electronic device are available at the library's website via the ebook/Overdrive found under useful library links (left side of page).

Wondering how you can get involved at the library? Join the Friends of the Library Group. Only 4 meetings a year, come join the fun!

We want to know what we can do better! Look for a survey coming in 2016.

Upcoming FREE Programs in 2016:

January 4 – March 31 – 14th Annual Adult Winter Reading Program. Prizes for all levels of participation come and check out the revamped program.

National Library Week is April 10 – 16, 2016. Stop in to see us and enter our contest to win free books!

Back by Popular Demand – Play Life Size Candy Land in August 2016!
Fun for the whole family.

March is Movie Month! Mondays at 6pm

Lindy and Kathy In August 2015 the library welcomed Lindy Fiste and Kathy Wojtczak to our team. We are so excited to have them on board with us.

Vanessa Taylir joined the Slinger Community Library as the Director on July 13, 2015. Vanessa is a Slinger native who has returned to lead the Library with a diverse skill set and experience in both the private sector and library service.



Welcome New Employees
L-R: Sue McNutt, Vanessa Taylir,
Lindy Fiste & Kathy Wojtczak

Sue McNutt was hired by the Slinger Police Department on April 20, 2015, filling the open Administrative Supervisor position. Sue comes to the police department with a wide variety of life and work experience having worked in an office setting, fire and EMS and for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

The Village of Slinger will be picking up Christmas trees starting on January 4, 2016. Trees should be left curbside with the cut end of the tree facing towards the roadway.

Christmas Trees should NOT be placed in the compost dumpster!

2016 VILLAGE OF SLINGER AND ADVANCED DISPOSAL TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION INFO

Recycling Requirement

Recycling collection in the Village will continue to be every other week. The collection will continue under the current system with Advanced Disposal providing the service, every other Tuesday.

Residents are required to place recycling carts curbside no earlier than 24 hours prior to collection & no later than 7 a.m. on collection days. Please place recycling carts approximately 2ft. from trash carts.

Trash collection will remain on the same weekly schedule that is in effect now and recycling will still be collected every other week.

Basic Trash Collection Rules:

- Place all non-recyclable materials into the garbage cart issued to you.
- Have the garbage cart out at the curb no later than 7:00am on the day of collection and no more than 24 hours before that.
- Material left outside of the container will not be collected.
- To arrange for the pickup of larger items, contact Advanced Disposal at 1-800-387-0949. This pickup will be at an additional fee.

Basic Recycling Collection Rules:

- Place all recyclable materials such as cardboard, paper, magazines, glass, plastic (#1 - #5 & #7), aluminum and tin cans together into the recycling cart.
- Have the recycling cart out at the curb no later than 7:00am on the day of collection and no more than 24 hours before that.
- Ashes, burnt materials and yard waste shall not be put into the cart.

Items to be Recycled

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, OFFICE PAPER
Glossy inserts, catalogs, mail circulars, phone books, paperback books, cereal boxes, envelopes, wrapping paper, etc.

CARDBOARD (FLATTENED)

Clean cardboard only. Must be broken down and flattened.

GLASS (CLEAR-BROWN-GREEN)

All bottles and jars must be rinsed out. No window glass, light bulbs, TV tubes, drinking glass.

ALUMINUM

Aluminum beverage cans only. No aluminum foil or TV dinner trays.

TIN & BI-METAL CANS

Soup, vegetable, juice cans, etc. All cans must be rinsed out completely.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

This includes plastic bottles with threaded caps and the recycling symbol 1 through 5 and 7. (Look for coding on the bottom of the container.) All plastic bottles must be rinsed out completely. No deli or butter containers.

Items that CANNOT be Recycled

- No medical waste
- No needles, rubber gloves, oxygen tubes, etc.
- No yard waste * Compost dumpsters for Slinger residents' use are located next to the Public Works Garage.
- No wet paint or hazardous materials * empty or dry paint cans may be set next to your trash with the lids removed.

Remember trash bags MUST be placed inside refuse containers. Trash not placed inside these containers will be left behind. The maximum weight for the containers is 200 lbs.

The closest disposal station is located at 803 N River Road in West Bend (off Hwy 33) & is open M-F, 7am-3pm. Note that there are fees when dumping any material. Call Advanced Disposal at 1-800-387-0949 for more information.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF BRUSH

The Public Works Department provides curbside pickup of brush the first full week of each month between April and November. Brush must be cut into pieces no shorter than 3ft to allow for safe and efficient collection. Branches shorter than three feet in length may be brought to the Public Works yard and deposited in the dumpster provided for lawn clippings and brush.



Branches left for curbside collection must be no smaller than one inch in diameter due to limitations with collection equipment. The cut end of the branch must be facing the roadway. All wires, nails and string must be removed before the brush will be collected. Root balls and stumps will not be collected. Materials cleared from vacant lots will NOT be collected but may be dropped off at the Public Works yard.

2016 ELECTION DATES



- February 16th Spring Primary
- April 5th Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote
- August 9th Partisan Primary
- November 8th Fall General Election

WANTED: Poll workers! If you are interested in being a poll worker for the elections please call 262-644-5265.

MyVote.WI.Gov is available for you, as a voter, to check out everything you need to know about past and future elections. Just enter your name and birth date and you can maneuver throughout the website.

Monthly Meeting Schedule

1st and 3rd Monday 6 p.m.Village Board
 2nd Monday 4:30 p.m.Library Board
 2nd Wed. after 1st Mon. 6:30 p.m.....Planning Commission
 4th Monday 6 p.m.....Park Board

Dates subject to change due to holidays.

WHO TO CONTACT??

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www.vi.slinger.wi.gov

WILL I GET A RECEIPT FOR MY TAX PAYMENT?

There are several ways to get a receipt for your tax payment. You can:

- Pay in person at the Village Hall, 300 Slinger Road
- Mail in your payment with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, or
- Stop by Village Hall and get a copy of your receipt.



2015-16 Village Board

Front L-R: Jeff Behrend, Russ Brandt, Lee Fredericks
 Back: Rick Gundrum, Dean Otte, John Dukelow, Rick Kohl

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TAX BILL?

Following are some common questions that may come up as you look over your 2015 tax statement.

Where does this money go?

As you can see from the enclosed tax statement and the graph shown here, your tax dollars go to a number of governmental and educational institutions:

- The largest portion of your tax bill goes to the Slinger School District, which receives 46%.
- The Village of Slinger receives the next largest portion, or 36%.
- Washington County receives 13% for its programs and services.
- Moraine Park Technical College receives 4%, and the final 1% goes directly to the State of Wisconsin.

Specific questions you may have about any individual part of your tax bill should be directed to the agency concerned.

So who do I pay, and when is everything due?

Tax payments must be postmarked by **January 31, 2016**.

Taxes paid by January 31, 2016 must be made payable to:

Village of Slinger – Treasurer – 300 Slinger Road, Slinger WI 53086

***NOTE: Since January 31st falls on a Sunday in 2016, payments received through Monday, February 1, 2016 will be considered to be timely.**

You also have the option of paying your taxes in two equal installments. If you decide to take advantage of that option, the first half needs to be paid to the Village of Slinger Treasurer by January 31, 2016. The second payment must be made no later than July 31, 2016 to:

Washington County – Treasurer

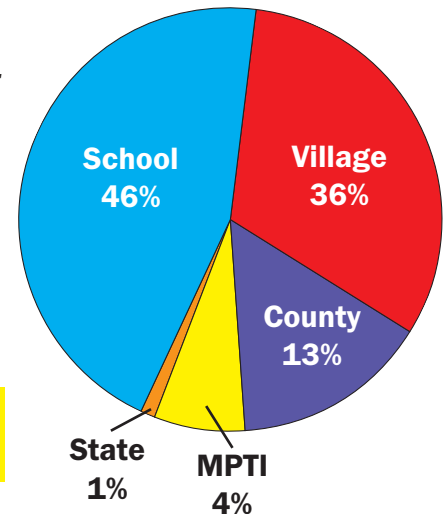
PO Box 1986, West Bend WI 53090.

When is Village Hall open for tax payments?

Village Hall is open from 8am to 5pm Monday – Friday during normal work-weeks. Over the holidays, there are a few days when the Village Hall offices will be closed:

- Thursday, December 24th
- Friday, December 25th and
- Friday, January 1st, 2016

Village Hall will be open all day (8am to 5pm) on New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31st!



Tax Rate

State	0.168593497
County	2.584848748
MPTI	0.667378321
School	8.910662287
Village	6.938830956

TOTAL	19.27031381
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Less Credit	\$1.186420191
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Net Rate	\$18.08
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2015 Lottery Credit	\$94.18
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2015 First Dollar Credit	\$58.30
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